

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing a comparative listing of providers of an item, said method comprising the steps of:

requesting a term of offer related to said item;

obtaining said requested term of offer for said item from at least one product/service provider;

adjusting, in response to obtaining said requested term of offer for said item, a second term of offer for ^{single} said item from a host provider; and

presenting said requested term of offer for said item obtained from said at least one product/service provider and said adjusted requested second term of offer from said host provider to a data requestor device over a communications link.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of requesting said term of offer for said item is in response to a user initiated request.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of requesting said term of offer is enabled by said data requestor device.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3,
wherein said data requestor device is selected from the
group consisting of a bar code scanner, a portable
PL
processor, a wireless telecommunication device, a computer,
an information appliance, and a hand-held computing device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said
communications link comprises a network of computers.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said
network of computers is the Internet.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said
step of requesting said term of offer for said item is
selected from the group consisting of requesting the price
of said item, requesting the delivery charge of said item,
requesting the description of said item, requesting the
finance charge of said item, requesting the delivery
schedule of said item, and requesting data pertaining to
the quality of said item.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said
step of obtaining said requested term of offer from said at
least one product/service provider includes obtaining said
requested term of offer from a database managed by said at
least one product/service provider.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said
step of obtaining said requested term of offer from said at
least one product/service provider includes obtaining said
requested term from a database managed by said host

provider or by way of a system controlled by said host provider.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of adjusting said second term of offer for said item comprises determining if said host provider itself offers said item.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of adjusting said second term of offer for said item comprises determining if said host provider can obtain said item from another provider of said item.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of adjusting said second term of offer ~~of~~ for said item comprises varying said second term of offer of said item to include a minimum price margin for said host provider.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of adjusting ~~the~~said second term of offer for said item from said host provider comprises varying the terms of offer of said item based on a pricing model.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said pricing model includes varying said second term of offer ~~of~~for said item based on said requested term of offer as obtained from said at least one product/service provider.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said pricing model includes varying said second term of offer of said item based on a propensity of a user to purchase said item.

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